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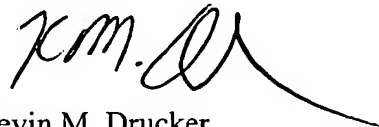
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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

*EXAMINER INITIAL	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		5,121,945	1.16.1992	THOMSON et al.	283	58	
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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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